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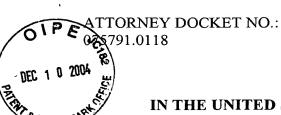
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and the comments as set forth below.